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FOLLOWING IS DELEGATIONS'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF
INITIAL STATEMENT BY SOVIET REP VORONTSOV AT JUNE 16
PLENARY. BEGIN TEXT:

WE LISTENED YESTERDAY WITH GREAT ATTENTION TO THE
SPEECH OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECU-
TIVE COUNCIL, THE FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE SFRY, COMRADE MINIC, AND WOULD LIKE, FOR OUR
PART TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE RECOGNITION OF HIS WISH OF
SUCCESS IN OUR WORK.

WE HAVE GATHERED HERE, ON THE BASIS OF THE DECISION
OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY-COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE
TASKS OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING ARE CLEARLY SET FORTH IN
THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE: TO DECIDE ON THE DATE,
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DURATION, AGENDA AND OTHER CONDITIONS (DRUGIH USLOVIYAH)
OF THE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTERS
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES. IT IS
INCUMBENT UPON ALL OF US, IN ORDER TO CONDUCT OUR COMING
WORK IN A BUSINESSLIKE (DELOVOI) ATMOSPHERE, TO EFFEC-
TIVELY AND QUICKLY PURSUE THE GOALS OF THE FINAL ACT
WITH A MAXIMUM DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT, IN THE NOT QUITE TWO YEARS SINCE THE DAY OF THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL ACT IN HELSINKI, HAS UNDERSCORED THE ENORMOUS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, AND HAS REINFORCED THE POLITICAL AND PRACTICAL GOAL, OF THE PRINCIPLES AND AGREEMENTS FIXED IN THE FINAL ACT. IF WE SPEAK BROADLY, THEN IT CAN BE SAID THAT IN THIS PERIOD, PEACE IN EUROPE HAS BECOME STRONGER. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS AMONG THE PARTICIPATING STATES HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED AND HAVE BECOME NOTICEABLY WIDER AND RICHER; EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, INFORMATION HAVE EXPANDED; CONTACT BETWEEN PEOPLES IS DEVELOPING.

IN THE USSR THESE POSITIVE STEPS ARE WELCOME AND ARE ENCOURAGED SO THAT THE PROCESS OF DENTENTE CAN CONTINUE AND BE EMBUED WITH A STRONG, VIGOROUS CHARACTER.

THE SOVIET UNION, FOR ITS PART, IN THIS RATHER SHORT TIME-PERIOD HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN AND IS CONTINUING TO UNDERTAKE ESSENTIAL, CONCRETE MEASURES TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF THE HELSINKI ACCORDS, AND WE INTEND AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO INFORM THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING ABOUT THIS.

THE APPROACH OF THE SOVIET UNION TO THE BELGRADE MEETING WAS EXPRESSED BY THE GENERAL-SECRETARY OF THE CC
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CPSU, COMRADE L.I. BREZHNEV, IN THE FOLLOWING WORDS, "THE CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI HAS BEEN CALLED, AS IS WELL-KNOWN, THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THEREFORE WE CONSIDER THAT THE MAIN CONTENTS OF THE BELGRADE MEETING MUST BE CONCERNED WITH PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION AMONG EUROPEAN PEOPLES--NOT SIMPLY TO SUMMARIZE THAT WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE, BUT ALSO TO CONSIDER CERTAIN CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS DEALING WITH QUESTIONS OF FURTHER COOPERATION-- THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE PLACED BEFORE OURSELVES AS THE MAIN TASKS OF THE MEETING IN THE YUGOSLAV CAPITOL."

WE ADVOCATE THAT THE FORTHCOMING BELGRADE MEETING CONSIST OF A CONSTRUCTIVE, BUSINESSLIKE, FORWARD-LOOKING EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON ALL QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED BEFORE THIS MEETING BY THE FINAL ACT. WE HAVE HEARD SIMILAR PRONOUNCEMENTS IN THIS REGARD FROM THE LEADERS OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF OTHER PARTICIPATING

STATES OF OUR MEETINGS, THEREFORE, WE ENVISAGE THAT IT WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM TO DETERMINE THE GENERAL INTENTIONS OF ALL OF US FOR THE RESOLUTION OF OUR PREPARATORY MEETING.

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IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IN THEIR APPROACH TO THE MAIN MEETING, ALL STATES WHICH WILL BE REPRESENTED AT IT, DEMONSTRATE THEIR GOOD WILL, BY MOVING TO PROMOTE THE MAXIMUM IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS IN EUROPE, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PARTICIPATING STATES BY WAY OF WIDE AND EQUAL COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND STRICT RESPECT OF ALL PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE FINAL ACT. AS UNDERLINED IN THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE SESSION OF THE POLITICAL-CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WARSAW PACT, CONVENED FROM MAY 25-26 IN MOSCOW, OF SPECIAL SIGNIFIANCE IN THIS CONNECTION IS THE CREATION OF A FAVORABLE POLITICAL CLIMATE AT THIS MEETING AS WELL AS IN THE WHOLE RANGE OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS ON THE CONTINENT.

WE ARE SURE THAT THE ESSENCE OF THE BELGRADE MEETING-- AS IT FLOWS FROM THE FINAL ACT--IS TO STRENGTHEN TRUST AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN STATES, AND THAT THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS MUST HAVE A POSITIVE CHARACTER. THIS POSITIVE SPIRIT WOULD FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI PRINCIPLES AND AGREEMENTS AND STRENGTHEN
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IT IN THE FUTURE. ALL THIS WOULD GIVE A NEW IMPULSE TO THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND WOULD SIGNIFY AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATORY STATES OF THE CONFERENCE, AND A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL CLIMATE.

THE SOVIET DELEGATION HAS COME TO BELGRADE WITH THE INTENTION TO HAVE A SERIOUS, CONSTRUCTIVE REVIEW OF QUESTIONS TIED TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MAIN MEETING. WE WILL STRONGLY ADVOCATE THAT THIS MEETING BECOME, AS IT WAS ENVISAGED, A CONTINUATION AND A DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI, STILL ONE MORE STEP IN THE PROCESS OF DETENTE, ONE MORE ACTION LEADING TO THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT AND WIDENING OF COOPERATION. WE ARE RELYING IN THIS ENDEAVOR ON MUTUAL-ACTION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER PARTICIPATORY STATES, WHICH ON THEIR PART ARE PREPARED FOR SUCH COOPERATION.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE MUST DECIDE ON THE ORDER OF WORK OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING. IN THIS REGARD, WE ALREADY HAVE THE PROPOSAL OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SPAIN, AND POSSIBLY OTHER PROPOSALS AS WELL. THE SOVIET DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO APPROACH THE QUESTION OF ORGANIZING OUR WORK FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETING WITH THE UTMOST ATTENTION.

IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR YUGOSLAV HOSTS FOR THEIR SINCERE HOSPITALITY AND ATTENTION. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS ENOUGH TO THE ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS OF THE BUILDING OF THE CONFERENCE CENTER IN WHICH THEY HAVE CREATED ALL THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONDUCT OF THE BELGRADE MEETING IN THE INTERESTS OF THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF PEACE, SECURITY, AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. END TEXT.

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